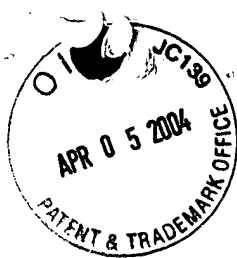


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to JP 9-179698, which is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and of which a copy is enclosed, together with an English-language abstract thereof.

JP 9-179698 was cited in the specification at page 5, and is believed to be pertinent for the reasons noted there.

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The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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